

What is claimed is:

- 1) A method for empowering a stock exchange to handle currency exchange, comprising:
 - establishing on a stock exchange a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency; and
 - establishing a predetermined number of market makers, each said market maker having responsibilities for at least one of said exchange shares.
- 2) A method for empowering a stock exchange to handle currency exchange, comprising:
 - establishing a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency.
- 3) A method for allowing individuals to exchange currency, comprising:
 - listing on a stock exchange a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency; and
 - hosting a predetermined number of market makers, each said market maker each said market maker having responsibilities for at least one of said exchange shares.
- 4) A method for allowing individuals to exchange currency, comprising:
 - listing on a stock exchange a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency.
- 5) The method of claim 1 wherein said responsibilities include posting a bid and offer for said exchange shares.

- 6) The method of claim 1 wherein said responsibilities include offering to purchase or sell said exchange shares for posted amounts.
- 7) The method of claim 3 wherein said responsibilities include posting a bid and offer for said exchange shares.
- 8) The method of claim 3 wherein said responsibilities include offering to purchase or sell said exchange shares for posted amounts.
- 9) A method for performing currency exchange, comprising:
 - placing a request with a broker;
 - having the broker pass the request to a market maker; and
 - having the market maker execute the request.
- 10) A method for performing currency exchange comprising:
 - determining the amount of native currency that can be received in return for a specified number of shares of a first exchange share;
 - determining the number of shares of a second exchange share that can be purchased for the determined amount of native currency; and
 - simultaneously submitting a request to sell the specified number of shares of said first exchange share, and a request to purchase the determined number of shares of said second exchange share.

11) A system for performing currency exchange, comprising:

a memory having program code stored therein; and

a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;

wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform the steps of:

determining the amount of native currency that can be received in return for a specified number of shares of a first exchange share;

determining the number of shares of a second exchange share that can be purchased for the determined amount of native currency; and

simultaneously submitting a request to sell the specified number of shares of said first exchange share, and a request to purchase the determined number of shares of said second exchange share.